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The Lebanon Varsity and Junior Varsity baseball team (not in picture order): Davin Admire, Carter Bartig, Tayt Carr, Harrison Cranmer, Chance Cromer, Riley Gilby, Aaron Graham, Eli Graham, Huck Hedley, Quentin Hendrix, Harrison Howe, Christopher Kilburn, Braiden Lamontagne, Cole Milliken, Nolan Milliken, Ikerd Mizer, Anthony Myers, Evan Ogle, Bronsen Rhoads, Brody Shoemaker, Braylon Simon, Jackson Snyder, Austin Yackle, Beckett York, Fisk Miller, Ayden Hicks, Klay Sherrell, Kyson Gress, Braxton Dozier, Levi Rockstad, Cameryn Meiners, Austin Gilby, Huckleberry Honey, Malachi Simmonds, Owen Jones, Braxton Rhoades, Parker Henry, Michael Eblen, Franklin Fuhrer.

BASEBALL

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Lebanon’s boys baseball team is returning a large number of upperclassmen this spring. Coach Alex Weathermon said the team has more than 10 seniors who

have been playing varsity baseball for the past three years. “So we’ll be very experienced. In 2023 we won 24 games and in 2024 we won 23. We’re hopefully going to have a good year,” he said. Returning players in-

clude Chance Cromer who plays shortstop, Braden Lamontagne, Bronsen Rhoads, Tony Myers, Cole Milliken and Brody Shoemaker. Weathermon said he is looking for this year’s team to just enjoy the experience. “We’re just looking to let the seniors have an incredible year, keep developing the junior class,

they’re really talented and have our sophomores set a standard for what the next few years will look like and get our freshmen accustomed to how we run things here,” Weathermon said. He expects this year’s team to be strong at the pitcher’s mound. “I think our offense is going to be pretty good this year,” he said. “We

have a lot of new pitchers on our team that will throw some very crucial innings for us. Our defense has been really good the last few years so I think it’s going to boil down to how quickly our new guys can learn the system and adjust to the new schedule.” He said the team will face a new schedule unlike what it’s used to,

as this is the team’s first year in the Central Ozark Conference. A total of 40 players are participating in the freshman, junior varsity and varsity baseball teams. “I know we are really excited for it,” he said. The season kicks off March 21 in Branson.



Ethan Mustard and Titan Haney had a career-best day in golf at the Bolivar Invitational in April 2024.

GOLF

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Lebanon’s boys golf team includes some returning some state qualifiers. Coach Trey Overstreet said the team lost a couple of seniors last year that started varsity. “We have a five-man varsity roster. We’re in a completion with four kids for those final two spots,” he said. He said the team is returning its top three golfers. “Ethan Mustard is a returning three-time state qualifier, two-time state medalist. Titan Haney is a one-time qualifier. Jacob Clark is a sophomore that’s returning as a defending conference champion,” he said. Two seniors are competing for the team’s

fourth and fifth slots, Trustin Cox and Lucas Tyre. Rounding out the team are two juniors, Levi Collins and Noah Thornhill. “Those seven will make up our varsity in some shape or fashion and it’s probably going to be a little bit of a rotation with those back-end guys throughout the season to find out what’s going to be right for districts,” he said. Overstreet said Mustard has nine wins in his career. “The school record is held by Jay McBride at 15,” he said. “He would need a pretty special year to break it, but he’s capable. We have 10 regular season tournaments, so he would need to win 60% of them. In golf that would be a pretty historic run.” Overstreet said 23 kids came out for golf this year, which he said is an unusually high number.

“If that’s not a record, then some other coach is crazier than I am to keep that many,” he said. Overstreet is assisted by assistant coaches Jeremy Thornhill and Matt Jernigan. The team heads into this season as conference champions. “We finished last year our last season as a school district in the Ozark Conference. We won the final Ozark Conference tournament as a team,” he said. “We’ll head into the Central Ozarks Conference as the defending Ozark Conference champion and do our best in May to defend that,” Overstreet said.

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TRACK & FIELD

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Lebanon's track team has attracted a total of 150 athletes this spring as it prepares to compete, according to Coach Shane Rebmann.

The team is looking to build off of last year's conference championship on the girls side.

According to Rebmann, the team has "a lot

of really good returners. We're still pretty young. We're coming off a conference championship last year with the girls' side and a lot of those girls are coming back. They're a deep group. They have good kids at almost every event."

On the boys side, Rebmann said the athletes are very young.

"I don't know that we've had a team this

young in a long time. We have a lot of freshmen. Our junior class is really strong," he said.

The girls' side boasts two returning state qualifiers. Abigail Tague is a two-time returning state qualifier in the 800 meter run.

Addy Rebmann is a returning state qualifier as a high jumper.

"Those two really set the tone for our girls

team," he said.

He said the boys team is led by a lot of younger athletes.

"On the boys side, it's about learning what we can do," he said. "We've got a lot of kids, but we've got to learn where they all fit and how we can spread that team out to score some points in the conference meet and district meet," he said.

He mentioned some of the athletes on the boys team.

"Rhett Rhoades is our jack of all trades," he said.

"Rhett is a really good hurdler, but he also runs anything from a 4 by 100 meter relay all the way up to the 4 by 400 meter relay," he said.

"Josiah Simmonds is a really good sprinter for us coming back. He had a great season last year," Rebmann said.

"We've got a lot of depth on the boys side as well. That junior class is really good and we have a few freshmen that are going to provide a spare for us for sure," he said.

He also mentioned

Liam Allen, a cross country runner.

"He is another great kid," Rebmann said. "All the kids I've named are outstanding students and good character kids. Liam is another one of those who runs our distance events. He's the leader of that group on the boys side for sure."

Rebmann said he is looking forward to seeing how this year's younger team performs.

"I'm excited to see what these guys can do," he said.



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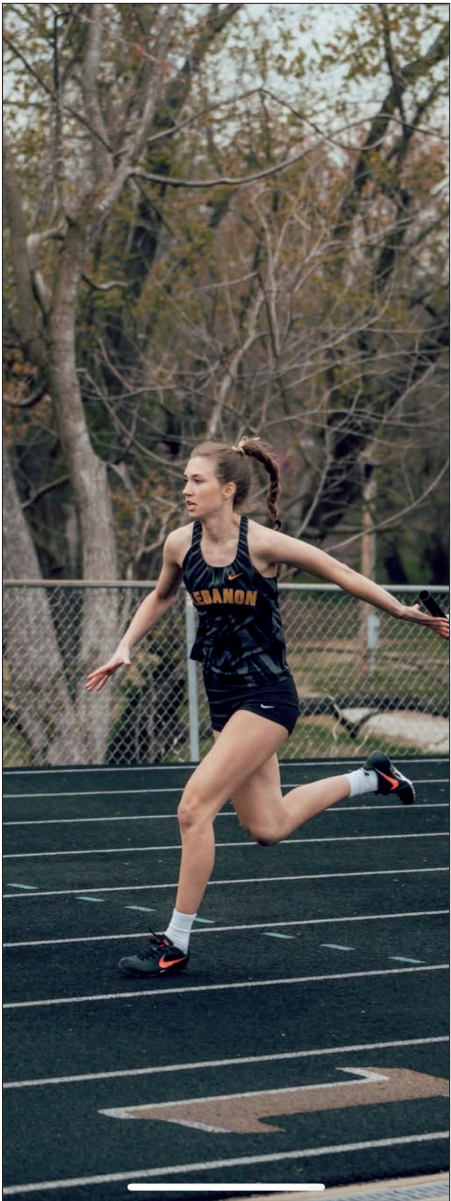
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TENNIS

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Stepping off of a strong 2024 season, the Lebanon boys tennis team is ready to make its mark in the Central Ozarks conference.

Coach Ron Crowell reported a good run in the 2024 season with 16-9 wins. The team lost its district championship match against Rockridge, who Crowell says has been one of the dominant Missouri programs. Despite Rockridge's history, he felt like Lebanon had had a real chance at victory.

"Most years, a lot of years, their number six player would absolutely destroy our number one player," Crowell said. "So that was really encouraging to see how far we'd come."

Despite the athletes being less familiar with Rockridge than Crowell, he found it exciting to be on Rockridge's level during the last season.

Crowell reported a good group of players this year, with five out of

last year's top six players returning. The top four returning players are seniors Ethan Fisher and Kasey Hicks, junior Conor McGruder, and sophomore Josh Rogers, though top spots are fluid depending on match performances.

Other returning players include sophomores Teigan Vance and Denver Woodruff, juniors Scout Bowles and Kurtis Frazier along with senior Josiah Ruble.

"I'm really excited about the future of Lebanon tennis right now," Crowell said. "It's in really good shape."

The early year weather hindered most of the team's attempts to work in off season practices. Earlier in the school year, the team has 20 days of limited practice time during the summer, which includes matches and a hosted tournament.

One characteristic of this year's team Crowell noted was its ability to represent LHS well with its sportsmanship. The school's tennis program aims to teach its athletes



LCR Photo/Jack Silberberg.

Front Row (L-R): Shawn Worley, Rylan Parker, Jacob Cranmer, Conor McGruder, Josiah Ruble, Scout Bowles and Denver Woodruff. Middle Row (L-R): Josh Rogers, Boon Weaver, Joseph Schuneman, Ethan Fisher, Teigan Vance and Jackson Guthrie. Back Row (L-R): Coach Ron Crowell, Declan McSorley, Curtis Frazier, Kasey Hicks, Noah Hinson, Damien Roman and manager Malia Jones.

how to win the right way. He highlighted the self-officiation athletes must conduct as well as the relationship they must maintain with their opponents.

The boys play their first game on March 25 against Willow Springs. The year's shortened season has a strong schedule, said Crowell, such as an

early April match against state title contender Joplin. Lebanon hosts a home tournament on April 10 and 11.

New this year for the 'Jackets is the Springfield Invitational Tournament held on April 16, where they will compete with teams that Crowell said typically produce state qualifiers. Another up-

coming tournament is the Waynesville Invitational, which helps prepare athletes for the Central Ozarks Conference Tournament.

In the team's first year in the new conference, Crowell said it was difficult to say whether the boys would head to state given a lack of information about their district. How-

ever, he was undeterred.

"I'll say this: I'm not afraid to play anybody this year," Crowell said. "That doesn't mean we'll win all of them, but I'm not afraid to play them. And I think we'll compete with everybody and hopefully compete well enough to maybe give ourselves a chance to win."



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SOCCER

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Accompanying the arrival of spring in Lebanon is the start of a fresh season and a new conference for the Lebanon High School girls soccer team.

Coach Jacob Woolsey said last spring’s team worked hard during their season and expressed excitement for the team to enter its new conference. The opportunity to work as hard as last year’s team comes in the form of

weekday practices after school. With the departure of last year’s seniors, this year’s team is a young one with a smaller senior class than normal. While he anticipated that the team would feel the loss of last year’s seniors, Woolsey said there were lots of positions for the girls to step into easily.

“It’ll be a learning curve for us, for sure,” Woolsey said. While Woolsey did not have an idea of the starters at the time of this interview, he did say he would rely on senior Mahayla Smith and junior Miah Orcutt in the team’s matchups. With 2025 being his third year as girls head

soccer coach, Woolsey has been an assistant coach for the boys team for the last 12 years. He noted the dedication and hard work of the girls on his team as well as their willingness to listen. Woolsey was excited to enter the team’s new conference, the Central Ozarks Conference and encounter both new and

old matchups. “Come watch us,” Woolsey said. The Lady ‘Jackets’ first game of the season is March 31 against the Marshfield Lady Jays. The girls will play most of their season in April and finish in May.



Front Row (L-R): Devin Barnwell, Brandon Sterling, Eric White, Rylee Hill, Brodie Millsap, Austin Pribble, Michael Kincaid and Robert Lindsey. Back Row (L-R): Copper Witt, Aaron Franklin, Will Morrow, Jesse Dickinson, Brenden Cottrell, Jimmy Lewis, Rowdy Danhuser, Phillip Dethloff and Joseph Morrow.

BASEBALL

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After a season of boys basketball, coach Joe Nicholson and the Stoutland Tigers are now preparing for spring baseball. Being both the head boys basketball coach and baseball coach, Nicholson says the sports take two different kinds of ath-

letes to succeed. He sees baseball as a game where almost everyone can participate in, which makes it enjoyable. The 2024 spring season ended at .500 for the Tigers. The team lost two seniors going into the fall. With a fall season record of 9-13, Nicholson said that the fall is a harder schedule due to the lower


amount of small schools that play in the fall. Nicholson looks at the fall season as a preparatory season for the team’s conference, similar to major league baseball’s spring training. The spring season is where teams compete at districts and beyond. Seniors this season include Will Morrow as first base and pitcher, Aaron Franklin as center fielder and pitcher, Devin

Barnwell as shortstop, Brenden Cottrell at second base, Jimmy Lewis and Titus Stradt. Players Nicholson also noted include Brandon Sterling as catcher, Brodie Millsap at first base and pitcher, Austin Pribble in left field, Rowdy Danuser, who will most likely play right field, Jesse Dickinson, who will most likely take over third base from injured player Riley Bench, and Cooper Witt

as a utility player. Nicholson said that this year’s team is dedicated and finding ways to win outside of raw baseball talent. “They’re there all the time, they show up all the time, they work hard,” Nicholson said. The Tigers’ strength this year lies in its pitching and defense, Nicholson said, which makes up for their struggles at the plate. He further pre-

dicted that the team’s large senior class will add to their motivation and thought that the seniors have done a good job of developing their younger teammates. The Tigers’ strategy is one of small ball, with Nicholson saying they play a significant amount of bunts. With Millsap and Will Morrow being the team’s power players, the rest of the players help with slap hits and bunts down and find other ways to get on base. Richland is the closest team Stoutland has to a rival during its season. Nicholson also looks forward to seeing how his team competes against some of the larger schools in the conference. “Stoutland has a history of being pretty decent at baseball, so I kind of think we’re going to be fun to watch,” Nicholson said.

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Front Row (L-R): Drew Spencer, Eli Blumer, Logan Weddle, Jay Helling, Zach Triplett, Wyatt Lewis, Preston Ogden, Mason Miller, Griffin Cornelison and Gentry Bilyeu.
Back Row (L-R): Colton Cooley, Lucas Freeman, Payton Whitford, Easton Jones, Jackson Gunter, Cole Twyman, Andren Hall, Brixon Bilyeu and Kode Peters.
Not Pictured: Evan Peters.

BASEBALL

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Just because the Conway Bears come from a smaller school doesn't mean that they can't compete in their baseball conference, according to Coach Clay Bilyeu.

With a total of 20 athletes out on the baseball field, the team still competes against larger schools like Waynesville and, in the past, Lebanon. While Bilyeu acknowledged that larger programs may have greater year-to-year depth, he said most years the Bears could hold their own

against their larger foes. "A lot of people probably, especially from bigger areas, don't necessarily think that when they think about small school baseball," he said.

Last spring, the Conway Bears ended their post season play in the semi-finals of the district tournament against the Forsythe Panthers. Going into this season, the team is down five seniors from

last year, including four starters and two All-Conference, All-District players.

Likely returning starters for this year include first baseman Mason Miller (2024 All-District honorable mention), pitcher and short-baseman Brixon Bilyeu (All-State as sophomore and junior, signed with College of the Ozarks), right fielder and likely closer Jackson Gunter, left fielder Evan Peters, Gentry Bilyeu, third baseman Easton Jones (2024 All-Conference honorable mention), Payton Whitford, Cole Twyman, Zach Triplett, Wyatt Lewis, along with reserves Lucas Freeman and Griffin Cornelison.

The fall season ended with a record of 13-8 and was a time for the team to adapt to the loss of its 2024 seniors. Clay Bilyeu noted the season of ex-

perimentation concluded with the team finding its groove for the spring. While still on the young side, Bilyeu noted improvement over the fall and winter.

Bilyeu said that Conway's conference was a good one for small schools that had multiple teams that will likely be state ranked. He anticipated good seasons for Gainesville, Hartville and Norwood but added that the Bears' schedule had a good mix of smaller and larger schools.

During the winter between the two baseball seasons, most of Bilyeu's team plays on the basketball team. They have also been practicing at Bilyeu's recently constructed indoor facility, and some athletes have been at work in the weight room to prepare for their games.

With this being the eighteenth year as Conway's coach, Bilyeu noted that what was special about this year's team (beside his son Brixon being on it) was its good mix of athletes. With the pandemic hindering participation levels in sports when some of the current athletes first joined the program, those same athletes have consequently played at the varsity level since they were freshmen.

"They've kind of just grown up in it, you know, and it's been exciting to see them have just a little more success each year," Bilyeu said. Despite not knowing their district's makeup, the coach felt confident the Conway Bears could compete wherever they ended up.

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